

Remarks



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Examination of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested. Upon entry of the above amendments, claims 9-10, 12-17, 50 and 55-67 will remain pending.

The restriction requirement mailed June 20, 2000, presented a 7-way restriction requirement. Applicants hereby elect Group V, claim 50, directed to a face mask. In this regard, claim 50 was previously a dependent claim and has been amended to be an independent claim. Those claims not cancelled above have been amended to ultimately depend from claim 50. In addition, new claims 55-67 all likewise ultimately depend from claim 50. Therefore, Applicants believe it proper that the remaining claims be examined together and that examination of the remaining claims will not impose a serious burden upon the Examiner.

Please charge any prosecutorial fees which are due to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. deposit account number 11-0875.

Should any questions arise with regard to this matter, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (770) 587-8617.

Respectfully submitted,
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